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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

 (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a wagering game, comprising: receiving a wager to play the wagering game; displaying a plurality of incomplete offers;

allowing a player to accept at least one of the plurality of incomplete offers to form an accepted offer; [[and]]

after the player accepts the incomplete offer, completing the plurality of <u>incomplete</u> offers to form a plurality of completed offers; and

awarding the accepted offer to the player.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of incomplete offers are associated with respective awards that change after the player accepts the incomplete offer.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of completed offers are associated with respective final awards that do not change.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including conducting a basic game, the displaying step occurring in response to a special outcome in the basic game.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of conducting a basic game includes rotating and stopping a plurality of simulated or physical reels to place symbols on the reels in visual association with a display area.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including initially associating one or more of the <u>plurality of</u> incomplete offers with the player prior to the step of displaying a plurality of incomplete offers.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 6, wherein the allowing step includes allowing the player to change which of the <u>plurality of</u> incomplete offers is associated with the player.

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- 8. (Currently Amended) A gaming apparatus for conducting a wagering game, comprising: a value input device for receiving a wager to play the wagering game; a display for displaying a plurality of incomplete offers; and a processor operative to
 - allow a player to accept at least one of the plurality of incomplete offers to form an accepted offer; [[and]]

after the player accepts the incomplete offer, complete the plurality of <u>incomplete</u> offers <u>to form a plurality of completed offers</u>; and

award the accepted offer to the player.

- 9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the plurality of incomplete offers are associated with respective awards that change after the player accepts the incomplete offer.
- 10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the plurality of completed offers are associated with respective final awards that do not change.
- 11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the processor is operative to conduct a basic game, and wherein the display is adapted to display the plurality of incomplete offers in response to a special outcome in the basic game.
- 12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the basic game includes a plurality of simulated or physical reels that are rotated and stopped to place symbols on the reels in visual association with a display area.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the processor is operative to initially associate one or more of the <u>plurality of</u> incomplete offers with the player prior to the displaying the plurality of incomplete offers.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[8]] 13, wherein the processor is operative to allow the player to change which of the <u>plurality of</u> incomplete offers is associated with the player.

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15. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a wagering game, comprising:

receiving a wager to play the wagering game; initially associating one or more of a plurality of incomplete offers with a player; displaying the plurality of incomplete offers;

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allowing the player to change which of the <u>plurality of</u> incomplete offers is associated with the player; [[and]]

after the player changes which of the <u>plurality of incomplete</u> offers is associated with the player, completing the plurality of offers to form a <u>plurality of completed offers</u>; and awarding the associated offers to the player.

- 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of incomplete offers are associated with respective awards that change after the player changes which of the <u>plurality of incomplete</u> incomplete offers is associated with the player.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of completed offers are associated with respective final awards that do not change.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 15, further including conducting a basic game, the displaying step occurring in response to a special outcome in the basic game.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of incomplete offers include respective credit amounts that accumulate at different rates on a display.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein each credit amount accumulates at a respective rate that fluctuates over time.